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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated 26 April 2005, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely. No fee is due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any unaccounted fee(s), such as for extension of time, excess claim fees, etc., required to maintain pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.